

**Resolution of the City of Gustavus, Alaska  
Resolution No. 2011-09**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSAL TO 'PLAN AND  
DESIGN A MODEL SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY BROADBAND  
NETWORK'**

**WHEREAS**, city-owned Gustavus Community Network (GCN) has provided Internet service to the community of Gustavus since 1996 and has a solid record of creativity and self-sufficiency; and

**WHEREAS**, existing dial-up internet service provided to the majority of GCN subscribers is sorely inadequate for today's media-rich Internet applications, much less those to come, resulting in a substantial decline in GCN subscribers; and

**WHEREAS**, private satellite internet services available in Gustavus suffer from high-latency, high cost, low performance, low reliability, and do not meet the FCC definition of 'broadband'; and

**WHEREAS**, upgrading the community Internet service to broadband has been identified as a critical infrastructure need for the City of Gustavus and received 'strong positive' support as a capital infrastructure project in the 'City of Gustavus Strategic Plan 2005'; and

**WHEREAS**, 84% of respondents to the DCRA sponsored 'Gustavus, Alaska: 2008 Community Survey Report' identified improvement of Internet connectivity as an important infrastructure project, placing second only to a new dock in importance on a list of 25 infrastructure projects;

**AND NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Gustavus City Council, in an effort to promote economic development, curb out-migration and improve community health and safety by providing the fastest, most reliable and most affordable last-mile fiber optic broadband Internet service, supports the submission of the proposal to design and plan a 'Model Sustainable Community Broadband Network' Capital request, and designates it the community's top unfunded capital project priority.

PASSED and APPROVED by the Gustavus City Council this 10 day of February, 2011.


  
Jim Mackovjak, Mayor


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Louis Cacioppo, Vice Mayor

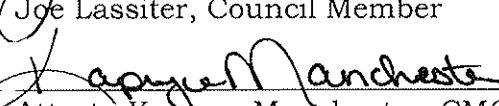
  
Melanie Lesh, Council Member

Via Teleconference  
Tim Sunday, Council Member

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John Nixon, Council Member

  
Joe Lassiter, Council Member

  
Karen Colligan-Taylor, Council Member

  
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